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Coup Talk Fueled By Military Activity All Over Argentina

Argentine military units were unusually active last night in several parts of the country, fueling speculation that a military coup is imminent.

In one northern province the army was reported to have occupied hospitals, public buildings, roads, and communications facilities. In the south, a column of troops moved along an important highway, posting guards at bridges and intersections. The moves could be part of the final preparations for a takeover, although military spokesmen declared they were part of the government's anti-subversive effort. Security forces did clash late yesterday with terrorists in one provincial capital.

In Buenos Aires, separate meetings of the armed forces commanders in chief, as well as of the cabinet, contributed to the air of expectation. Earlier yesterday the city's mayor, a retired general, resigned his position.

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